

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2380 – HB 2266

March 17, 2014

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Creates an 18-member poverty task force that includes four legislative members, seven state department heads or their designees, six representatives from specific agencies around the state that provide services to individuals living in poverty, and an individual living in poverty. Requires the task force to assess the current and future impact of poverty on residents; examine the existing barriers, services, and resources addressing the needs of persons living in poverty; and develop a strategy to mobilize a state response to the poverty crisis. Establishes the aspects of poverty that must be examined by the task force.

Members of the task force will serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for expenses by their respective agencies. Authorizes legislative members to receive normal expense compensation. Requires the Department of Human Services to provide the necessary administrative support for the task force. The task force will submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly no later than January 15, 2015, at which time the task force will cease to exist.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,300/Each One-Day Meeting

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014322):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Requires the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services (DHS) to complete a study of poverty in the state, including implications and potential solution strategies, with feedback from departments, agencies, and selected non-governmental organizations serving the affected populations. Establishes the information to be analyzed, reviewed, and considered in the study. Requires DHS to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly in the form of a state anti-poverty plan on January 15, 2015.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

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Assumption for the bill as amended:

- According to DHS, any increase in expenditures to complete the study will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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